

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Stapleforte House Survey Number: D-131

Project: Stapleforte House, Blackwater Wildlife Refuge Agency: Dept. of the Interior

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This two story, three bay wide, frame house with a one story kitchen wing is representative of a common double parlor, side hall plan of houses found throughout the Eastern Shore. The house appears to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

The house has undergone numerous alterations including the application of asbestos siding covered with aluminum siding, replacement of all of the windows with inappropriate aluminum windows, installation of panelling throughout the interior, removal of almost all interior trim, and closing off all of the fireplaces except for one. The house has also suffered deterioration which has resulted in a loss of structural integrity. Therefore, because of the extent of alteration, the property does not meet the criteria for individual listing in the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: project files and Inventory

Prepared by: _____

<u>Jo Ellen Freese</u>	<u>12/19/91</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program 6 Jan 92
Date

6 Jan 22
Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**I. Geographic Region:**

- ☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): HouseKnown Design Source: na

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Stapleforte House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, on Key Wallace Drive				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Church Creek Vicinity (Seward)				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
United States of America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
PO & Courthouse Building				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Boston		Mass.		
		02109		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Cambridge		Maryland		
		21613		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 003 190				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE:				

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>One of the dwellings standing on the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge lands is the residence of the manager of the refuge. The house is a three bay long, two bay deep, two story building with a two bay long, one story kitchen wing. An entrance shed is located on the south gable, the kitchen. On both east and west facades of the main structure are leanto screened porches. The walls of the building are covered with asbestos siding and the entire structure stands upon a brick foundation. A brick chimney pierces the roof at the south gable. It is flanked by two small windows. The windows on the rest of the building have 9/6 sash and louvered shutters.</p> <p>The plan is that of a typical town house of the period with two parlors and a side hall with the kitchen off one of the rooms (actually the dining room).</p> <p>Interior trim appears to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.</p> <p>A graveyard on the property has stones bearing the names of members of the Stapleforte, Tubman and Keene families.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itorion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stapleforte House is a handsome dwelling which resembles the Kral House near East New Market and the Wainwright Farm near Rhodesdale. The building is the residence of the Superintendant of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and has stood on the property since the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 9, Map 71, p. 39
11,216 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

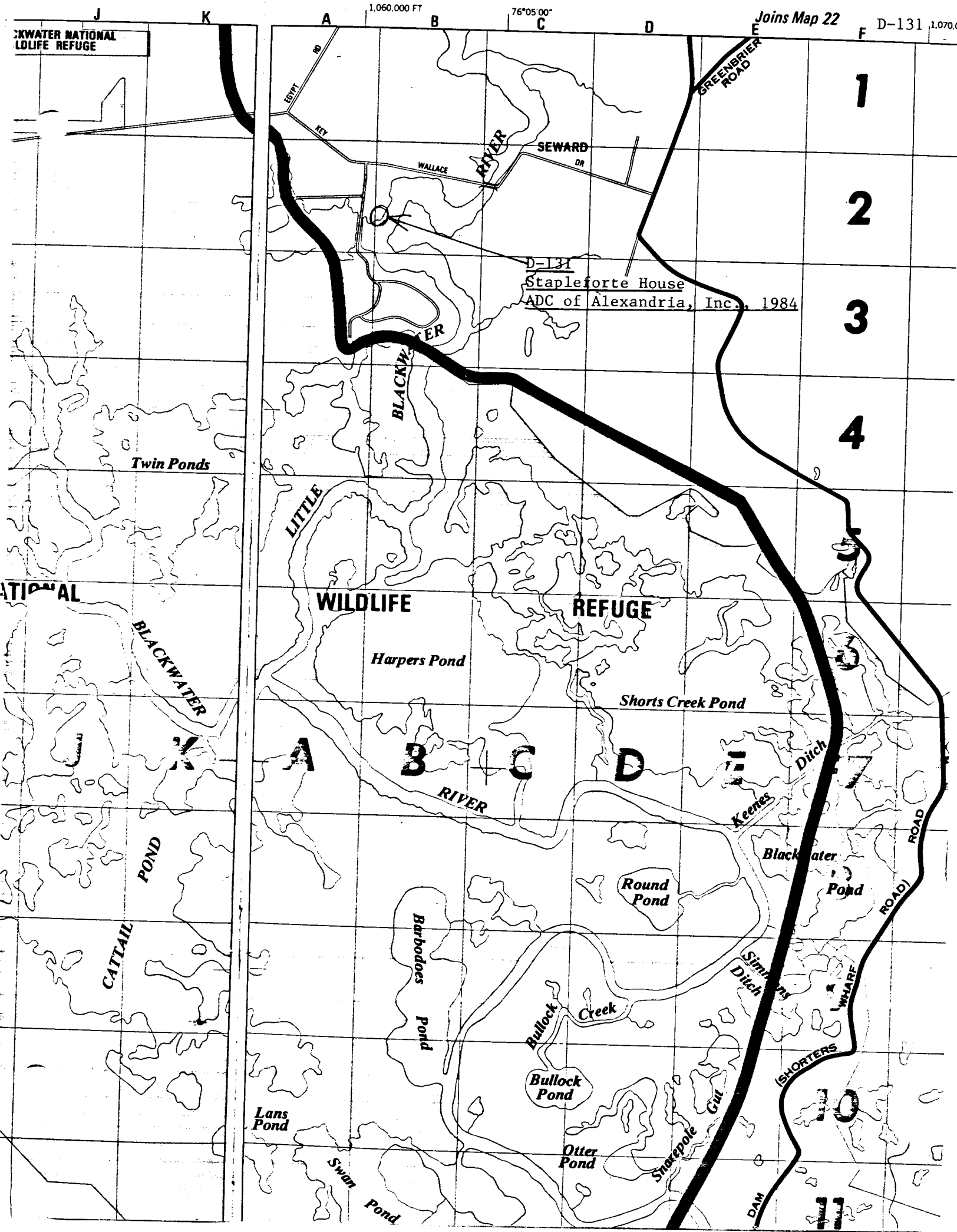
NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		DATE Nov, 1975
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



BLACKWATER NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Stapleforte House
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1984

WILDLIFE REFUGE

Harpers Pond

Shorts Creek Pond

BLACKWATER RIVER

Keenes Ditch

Round Pond

Blackwater Pond

Barbodes Pond

Bullock Pond

Bullock Creek

Otter Pond

Shorepole Gut

Lans Pond

Swain Pond

Simmons Ditch

WHARF

(SHORTERS)

DAM

KENTUCKY

SWAMP

BM
1.8

Sewage
Disposal

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Cem

2.2

1.6

RIVER

1.8

GREEN

KEY

1.9 WALLACE

BM
2.0

DRIVE

Seward

Cem

Cem

Lookout
Tower

MAPLE

BM
0.8

Insley
Cem

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Stapleforte House

Blackwater River Quad, 1982

Twin Ponds

Cole Comfort
Island

Twin Pond

Marsh

Harpers Pond

Shorts Creek
Pond

BLACKWATER

NATIONAL

19X1-20

75%

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M. Bourne

Nov 1975